GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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USE OF BHARATHI DOCKS FOR EXPORTS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to allow Indian exporters to use Bharathi docks at Chennai port for export purposes on a permanent basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Union Government to make available Bharathi Docks at Chennai Port for export of barytes on a regular basis.

(b): Chennai Port Trust`s berth at Bharathi Dock-II is a dedicated Iron Ore berth developed with all the infrastructure facilities required for the receipt, stacking and export of Iron Ore. The designed capacity of the plant is 6 million MTs whereas the per year throughput is in the order of 6.8 million MTs. As the berth is fully occupied by Ore vessels in view of the huge demand for export of Iron Ore, no spare capacity is available in the berth or in the stackyard to handle any other cargo on a regular basis. However, barytes is being handled at other berths in the inner harbour.